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Atlanta supporters of the two ex-

senators of New York were better

yesterday than they did during the pre-

vious day, when they were almost on the

verge of panic. But the probability still

is in favor of either an adjournment of

the legislature before an election can be

held, or else a adjournment which may last

a long time and be broken in a way that

cannot be foreseen.

The French have conquered the Tunis-

ians, but they have not by any means

brought the savage Kroumirs into subjec-

tion. The tribe is at home in a moun-

tainous section that does not afford

French a good opportunity even for the

use of their infantry; but the stubborn-

ness of the Kroumirs will give France an

excuse for remaining in the country—

which will place her better than the an-

nihilation of the savages by French ar-

my of Saharan explorers.

Count von Arnim, who died at Nice

yesterday, was one of Bismarck's numer-

ous victims. He was formerly German

ambassador at Paris; and as he was

deserted from an ancient family and

was a strong man himself, he declined

to submit to the chancellor's leadership

and dictation. The result was, the un-

fortunate nobleman was stripped of all

power, his property was confiscated and

he was driven into exile. He appealed

to the emperor for redress, but he was

permitted to be revived by his native land

before he died, but the iron man behind

the throne rejected his petition.

Conkling, Platt and Robertson.

It is scarcely necessary to speak of the

lordly Vice statesman, for he has been

prominently before the people since 1869,

when he first took a seat in the lower

house of congress. In 1869 he was

elected to the senate—his entire congres-

sional service exceeding twenty years.

This famous senator is much given to

talks about appearing to the people of

his state; but the truth is, he is never

a candidate for an office to be directly

bestowed by the people of his native

state. He has relied on a vicious ap-

pointment ever since he became a power

in politics.

Thomas C. Platt, who was elected last

winter to succeed Mr. Kernan, is a

younger man than Mr. Conkling, and a

very rich man. He was formerly a lum-

berman and banker, but of late he has

been a "captain" and a "captain."

He early took to politics very much as

a duck takes to water; but unlike his

father, he is very able, pleasant

and popular. It is a mistake to

consider Mr. Platt a cipher, for he is

one of the brightest and shrewdest poli-

ticians in New York.

The new collector of the port of New

York, and probable boss of his party in

the state, Judge William H. Robertson,

is a born politician. He is fifty-eight

years old, and has been an active poli-

tician ever since he became of age. He

lives in the democratic county of West-

chester, but such is his skill that he is

able to carry the county wherever he

wants to go to the legislature. He has

served many years in the state senate

and is now a senator. Mr. Robertson

is very popular, and he has long been an

aspirant for the gubernatorial office—a

place he could easily have secured had

he not first secured the enmity of Con-

Conkling.

It Conkling is overthrown—a now pos-

sible event—the control of the repub-

lican party of the state will pass into

hands of men who have supported

Judge Robertson. He is likely to

break down the stalwarts.

This will bring to the front Governor Fenton,

who has been in forced retirement, and

Chauncey M. Depew, and Judge Folger,

and last but by no means least, Governor

Cornell. The position of the last-named

is not well defined, but it is generally

understood that he is for Governor

Cornell first, last and all the time. He

will survive the wreck of the stalwart crew,

and perhaps fill one of the vacant seats

in the senate. His recent coldness to-

wards Mr. Conkling may prove one of

the most fortunate things of his entire

no doubt that he is prepared to meet a

possible defeat at Albany. It is incon-

ceivable that he should have offered his

resignation until his programme was

fully matured. He is not a dull man; on

the contrary, in spite of his manners, he

is a very brilliant man, and it is not to

be supposed that he lost his presence of

mind in the face of so small an affair as

the confirmation of Robertson.

On the contrary, all the symptoms of

the situation are that the defeat of Con-

Conkling at Albany, while it may embar-

ass him, it is in no wise interfere with

his purpose. He has declared war

against the administration, and the war

will continue without intermission. Be-

hind Conkling will be the popularity of

Grant, and all the indications point to

a break in the republican ranks which

the political physicians and nostrums will

be unable to heal.

There are other symptoms of republi-

can disruption which evade all attempts

to catalogue them. There is a more

hopeful feeling among the democrats in

all parts of the country. The attitude

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